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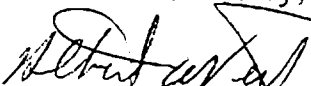
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I urge your office to suppress all opposition to the recent settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. This case never should have been brought to court.

The settlement, though as it is, is in the best interests of the IT industry and the economy. Microsoft did not get off easy, but the settlement is fair and reasonable, and it will clearly benefit consumers and preclude future anticompetitive behavior. To increase competition, Microsoft has agreed to allow competitors to place their programs on Microsoft's Windows operating system. This will be achieved by Microsoft making available to other companies information regarding the internal interfaces of Windows. The recession has had a devastating effect on state budgets and the federal budget, and it is important that the technology industry be allowed to concentrate on business now.

I sincerely hope no further legislation is brought against Microsoft and look forward to a revival of our IT sector.

Sincerely,


Albert Veit

cc: Senator Rick Santorum